

November 27, 2009

**Via Electronic Filing**

Mr. Charles Terreni, Chief Clerk  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
Synergy Business Park  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Embarq Communications, Inc., South Carolina Tariff P.S.C. No. 1

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Attached for electronic filing are revisions to the Embarq Communications, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Communications - South Carolina Tariff P.S.C. No. 1.

The following pages are included in this filing:

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This filing introduces Casual Caller Service. Casual Caller was not technically feasible previously, since the Company, as a reseller, did not initially have its own CIC or network over which casually dialed calls could be made. Casual Caller Service is now available, subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and/or equipment, to any person who uses the Company's service from an equal access end office when the originating location is not presubscribed to the Company's services for long distance service.

This filing also increases the charges for Busy Line Verification and Emergency Interruption and revises the manner in which those rates are presented. The Emergency Interruption charge formerly applied in addition to the Busy Line Verification charge when a customer requested interruption of a call after the operator verified a busy condition. Under the revised rate structure, the Emergency Interruption charge applies in lieu of the Busy Line Verification charge when a customer requests interruption of a busy line.

Additionally, this filing revises the manner in which operator services surcharges are presented. The operator-dialed surcharge is being deleted and incorporated into the "Operator Assisted" rates. Operator Assisted rates will apply to all "00+ and 00- dialed" calls when operator intervention is required for billing verification. The transient rate column is eliminated under this filing and the operator services call placement charges are being standardized under this filing, resulting in certain rate increases as indicated by margin symbols.

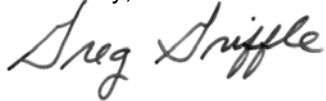
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The Company respectfully requests this tariff become effective December 4, 2009. Acknowledgement and date of receipt of this filing are requested.

If you have questions regarding this filing, you may call me at (913) 345-7535.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Griffle".

Greg Griffle

Attachment

cc: Ann Prockish  
Susan Masterton  
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## INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

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### 3. DEFINITIONS (Continued)

#### Carrier

Any provider of intrastate interexchange telecommunications services.

#### Casual Caller

The term "Casual Caller" denotes any person who uses the Company's Casual Caller Service from an equal access end office who does not have a current account with the Company, to include:

- A. Any person who has not established an account with the Company who places calls over the Company's network from an equal access area.
- B. Any person located in an equal access area who voluntarily terminated their Company account as set forth in Section 4 but continues to make calls over the Company's network.
- C. Any person located in an equal access area who has had their account terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in Section 4 but continues to make calls on the Company's network.
- D. New or allocated Customers whose accounts are not yet established in the Company's billing system.

The terms, conditions and Casual Caller rates as specified in Section 7.1 of this Tariff apply to all calls made by Casual Callers. By placing a call on the Company's network, a Casual Caller accepts and agrees to the Casual Caller terms and conditions and rates. The Company will file Tariffs with the South Carolina Public Service Commission that apply to Casual Callers who use dial-around 1+ Services.

#### Company

The term "Company" refers to Embarq Communications, Inc.

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### 3. DEFINITIONS (Continued)

#### Customer (a.k.a. Subscriber)

The term "Customer" or "Subscriber" denotes the person, firm, company, corporation, or other entity **including Casual Callers**, having a communications requirement of its own which uses services under this Tariff and is responsible for the payment of charges as well as compliance with the Company's regulations pursuant to this Tariff.

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#### Data

The representation of information as characters that are in a digital or analog form and to which meaning can be assigned.

#### Data Speed (bps)

The line speed which is commonly measured in bits per second.

#### Digital Transmission

Information transmitted in the form of digitally encoded signals.

#### DS-0

A 64 Kbps digital transmission system equivalent to one voice frequency circuit/channel.

#### DS-1

A 1.544 Mbps digital transmission system equivalent to 24 voice frequency circuits/channels

#### DS-3

A 1.544 Mbps digital transmission system equivalent to 672 voice frequency circuits/channels or 28 DS-1 facilities.

#### Embarq Local Operating Companies (a.k.a. Embarq LOC)

The term used to describe Embarq Corporation's Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) operating in the states of Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming.

#### Entrance Facility

The physical circuit arrangement which connects an Entrance Site to a Company Point of Presence.

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### 4. TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Continued)

#### 4.3 Use of Service

Neither Subscribers nor their authorized users may use the services furnished by the Company for fraudulent or destructive purposes, including, but not limited to, unauthorized or attempted access, alteration, abuse or destruction of information; or use services furnished by the Company in such a manner that causes interference with another's use of the Company's network.

Neither Subscribers nor their authorized users may use the services furnished by the Company for any unlawful purpose, including service configurations of switched services which, as a result of sharing thereof, are the equivalent of a service configuration which exceeds the scope of the Company's applicable authorization.

Subscribers will promptly cooperate with the Company to prevent unauthorized access by third parties of the services furnished by the Company.

Use and restoration of the service furnished by the Company will be in accordance with Part 64, Subpart D of the Federal Communications Commission Rules.

Customers are responsible for notifying the Company when new lines are added to their account. New lines will not receive the rates associated with the Customer's account until the Company has been notified to add those lines to the Customer's account. **Calls placed over such new lines will be rated as Casual Caller Service calls until the lines have been added to the Customer's account.**

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The use of any feature including, but not limited to, call forwarding, on a planned and continuing basis to allow an originating caller to avoid long distance charges is prohibited.

#### 4.3.1 Limitations of Service

The Company may deny, for any lawful reason, the Customer's request for service, or limit or allocate the facilities available to or utilized by any service, if necessary, to manage its network in an efficient manner; meet reasonable service expectations; furnish service to existing and future Customers based on forecasted Customer requirements; or for any other lawful reason.

The Company may, without notice, (consistent with governing laws or regulations) block traffic to local telephone exchanges ("NXX exchanges"), individual telephone stations, groups or ranges of individual telephone stations, or calls using certain Customer authorized codes, whenever the Company deems it necessary to take such action to prevent (1) the unlawful use of service; (2) nonpayment for service; (3) the use of service in violation of this Tariff; or (4) network blockage or the degradation of service furnished to the Customer or other Customers.

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**7. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES**

**7.1 Casual Caller Service**

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**7.1.1 General**

Casual Caller Service is offered and provided subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and/or equipment, to any person who uses the Company's service from an equal access (FGD) end office who does not have a current account with the Company, to include:

- A. Any person who has not established an account with the Company who places calls over the Company's network from an equal access area.
- B. Any person located in an equal access area who voluntarily terminated their Company account but continues to make calls over the Company's network.
- C. Any person located in an equal access area who has had their account terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in Section 3 but continues to make calls on the Company's network.
- D. New or allocated Customers whose accounts are not yet established in the Company's billing system.

Subject to network availability, Casual Caller Service may be used twenty-four hours a day for calls placed to numbers in the North American Dialing Plan areas by dialing "1015046 +" to access the Company's network. Casual Caller Service may not be used to complete "011" calls to international locations. By placing a call on the Company network, a Casual Caller accepts and agrees to the regulations and rates specified in this section.

Operator Service and Directory Assistance are not available with Casual Caller Service.

If the Company charges a Customer Casual Caller rates in error, or through an error by the local telephone company, the account will be credited for the erroneous charges.

**7.1.2 Rates**

Per Minute Rate	\$0.50
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### 7. Miscellaneous Services (Continued)

#### 7.4 Operator Service (Continued)

##### 7.4.2 Rates and Charges

The following rates will apply to operator handled calls placed within the State of South Carolina. Calls placed by Customers utilizing these services will be charged their respective usage rates plus the applicable Call Placement **Charge(s)**.

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#### A. Call Placement Charges

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##### Class Of Service

##### Call Placement Charge (**Transient<sup>(1)</sup> and Non-Transient**)

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##### Customer Dialed Automated

##### Operator Assisted<sup>(2)</sup>

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- (1) Sent Paid<sup>(3)</sup>
  - (a) Station-to-Station
  - (b) Person-to-Person
- (2) Collect Billing
  - (a) Station-to-Station
  - (b) Person-to-Person
- (3) Third Party Billing
  - (a) Station-to-Station
  - (b) Person-to-Person

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<sup>(1)</sup> Includes payphones, hotels, motels, or other transient locations.

<sup>(2)</sup> This **charge applies when** the Customer has the ability to dial all the digits necessary for call completion but dials **instead "00-"** to reach the Company's operator to have the operator complete the call **or when a "00+" customer-dialed call requires intervention by an operator for billing verification**. This charge will be applied to all Operator Service calls completed by an operator except for calls which: 1) cannot be completed by the Customer due to equipment failure or trouble on the Company's network; or 2) default to an operator for assistance while using a toll free collect service.

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<sup>(3)</sup> This option is only available in areas where network capabilities allow.

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7. Miscellaneous Services (Continued)

7.4 Operator Service (Continued)

7.4.2 Rates and Charges (Continued)

A. Call Placement Charges (Continued)

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<u>Class Of Service</u> (Continued)	Call Placement Charge <b>(Transient<sup>(1)</sup> and Non-Transient)</b>	(T)
(4) Busy Line Verification <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>\$9.99</b>	(I)
(5) Emergency Interruption <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>19.98</b>	(I)

B. Usage Rates

Class of Service	
- LEC Calling Card Customer Dialed Station-to-Station	\$0.35 <sup>(3)</sup>
- All Other	0.89

<sup>(1)</sup> The Busy Line Verification charge applies when the Company provides operator assistance to determine if there is an ongoing conversation at a called station. The Emergency Interruption **charge** applies **in lieu of** the Busy Line Verification charge when the Company **also** provides operator assistance to interrupt an ongoing conversation, regardless of whether the interruption is successful.

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<sup>(2)</sup> Includes payphones, hotels, motels, or other transient locations.

<sup>(3)</sup> Docket No. 2000-407-C, Order No. 2001-997 dated November 8, 2001 established a \$0.35 rate cap on the per minute rate for Customer Dialed Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) Calling Card Station-to-Station calls completed from locations for which the issuing local exchange carrier is not the selected toll provider.

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